

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 13, 1999

SENATE BILL

No. 1062

Introduced by Senator Poochigian

February 26, 1999

An act to add Section 10004.5 to the Water Code, relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1062, as amended, Poochigian. The California Water Plan.

Existing law requires the Department of Water Resources to update, every 5 years, the California Water Plan, which is the plan for the control, protection, conservation, development, and utilization of the water resources of the state.

This bill would require the department, in connection with the updating of the plan, to include in the plan a discussion of various strategies, including those strategies relating to the development of new water storage facilities, water conservation, ~~recycling, and marketing~~ *and recycling, desalination, conjunctive use, and water transfers*, that may be pursued to meet the future water needs of the state, *as prescribed. The bill would make related legislative findings and declarations.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. *The Legislature finds and declares all of*
2 *the following:*

3 (a) *A long-term, reliable supply of water is essential to*
4 *protect the productivity of California’s businesses and*
5 *economic climate.*

6 (b) *The Department of Finance projects that*
7 *California’s population will increase to over 47 million*
8 *persons by 2020, increasing the need for the development*
9 *of additional safe and reliable water supplies that are*
10 *critical to the health, safety, and welfare of all*
11 *Californians, including the state’s future generations.*

12 (c) *Water-related infrastructure investment needs are*
13 *growing rapidly as a result of a growing population and*
14 *economy, environmental and public health*
15 *requirements, and aging water delivery systems.*

16 (d) *The Department of Water Resources projects that*
17 *Californians will experience chronic water shortages, as*
18 *early as 2000, unless actions are taken to increase the*
19 *amount of developed water available for use in California.*

20 (e) *Water conservation, water recycling, voluntary*
21 *water transfers, conjunctive use, and desalination*
22 *programs and projects will continue to be an integral part*
23 *of California’s water management strategy.*

24 (f) *The review, planning, and development of new*
25 *water storage facilities and the renewed operation or*
26 *enlargement of existing water storage facilities should be*
27 *pursued to ensure that a reliable, high quality supply of*
28 *water is available to meet the current and future needs*
29 *of all beneficial uses of water, including urban,*
30 *agricultural, and environmental uses.*

31 SEC. 2. Section 10004.5 is added to the Water Code, to
32 read:

33 10004.5. As part of the requirement of the
34 department to update The California Water Plan
35 pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 10004, the
36 department shall include in the plan a discussion of
37 various strategies, including, but not limited to, those
38 relating to the development of new water storage



1 facilities, water conservation, water recycling and water
2 marketing, and the potential advantages and
3 disadvantages of those strategies, that may be pursued in
4 order to meet the future water needs of the state,
5 desalination, conjunctive use, and water transfers that
6 may be pursued in order to meet the future water needs
7 of the state. The department shall include in the plan a
8 discussion of the potential advantages and disadvantages
9 of each strategy and an identification of all federal and
10 state permits, approvals, or entitlements that are
11 anticipated to be required in order to implement the
12 various components of the strategy.

